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Senior Links to Independent Living

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) is pleased to announce the beginning of a two-year pilot project entitled Senior Links to Independent Living which has been funded by a grant from the Archstone Foundation. The purpose of the project is to maximize the ability of at-risk Long Beach seniors to maintain independent living in a safe and healthy environment.

Each year, the Health Department's Nursing Division receives many calls to visit and evaluate elderly persons who are reported to be living in unsanitary and unsafe conditions. The calls come from concerned neighbors, relatives, landlords, churches, and community organizations, as well as from other Health Department programs. Often the Public Health Nurse who responds will find an isolated senior with health problems that prevent them from carrying out their activities of daily living, such as cooking, shopping or visiting the doctor. In addition, there may be financial or psychological problems which

overwhelm the senior and a crisis state has developed which might have been prevented if support had been available sooner.

Senior Links to Independent Living seeks to provide this support through three components. The program will be implemented in phases by a multi-disciplinary team including a Public Health Nurse, a Senior Community Worker, and a Social Worker.

The initial phase involves the establishment of a help line to accept calls from concerned individuals who request information and/or assistance for a senior. A rapid assessment will be completed and an intervention initiated, including providing appropriate referrals and information. Individuals will also be able to access a resource directory with information about Long Beach and Los Angeles County agencies through the Health Department's internet site.

The second phase of the program involves a community awareness campaign. Community presentations

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Communicable Disease Report

Selected Reportable Diseases for the City of Long Beach

Disease	Feb. 1999	Feb. 1998	YTD 1999	YTD 1998
AIDS	15	14	30	29
AMEBIASIS	1	0	1	2
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	6	6	7	10
CHLAMYDIAL INFECTIONS	160	98	260	234
GIARDIASIS	4	3	8	5
GONORRHEA	43	30	78	73
H. INFLUENZAE	0	0	0	3
HEPATITIS A	2	4	11	8
HEPATITIS B, acute	1	3	1	3
HEPATITIS C, acute	0	0	0	0
MEASLES	1	0	1	0
MENINGITIS, viral (aseptic)	3	5	4	6
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	0	0	0	0
NON-GONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS (NGU)	10	36	27	48
PERTUSSIS	2	0	2	0
RUBELLA	0	0	0	0
SALMONELLOSIS	12	1	26	2
SHIGELLOSIS	2	2	5	11
SYPHILIS, primary and secondary	0	0	0	0
SYPHILIS, early latent (<1 year)	2	0	3	0
TUBERCULOSIS	7	6	9	9

Mark Your Calendar!



National Public Health Week
April 5 – 11, 1999

World Health Day
April 7, 1999
"Healthy Aging, Healthy Living – Start Now!"

Paws in the Park Pet Adoption
Sunday, April 11, 1999
12:00 – 3:30 p.m.
El Dorado Park – West
2800 Studebaker Road
Long Beach

National Laboratory Week
April 11 – 16, 1999

Children's Health Fair
Saturday, April 24, 1999
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Long Beach Health Dept.
2525 Grand Avenue
Long Beach

National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
May 1999

Senior Links to Independent Living *(continued from page 1)*

will be conducted by the professional staff using culturally sensitive and language appropriate educational materials. Senior Links program materials will be available in three languages: English, Spanish, and Khmer. Target groups and community agencies most likely to encounter at-risk elderly will receive information including how to identify a senior who is in need of services, how to access the senior support line, and what is an appropriate referral to the Senior Links Program.

The final component of the program provides professional crisis intervention based on the public

health nursing model. Temporary case management to stabilize the senior will be offered and if long term intervention is needed, referrals will be made to local agencies providing those services. Data will be collected to document outcomes of the program and program materials will be available for consideration by other agencies and communities at the completion of the two-year pilot project.

For additional information or to include your agency in the resource directory, please call the Senior Links to Independent Living help line at (562) 570-3555.

Health Department Phone Numbers

General Information
(562) 570-4000
www.ci.long-beach.ca.us/health

Alcohol/Drug Rehabilitation
(562) 570-4100

Animal Control Shelter
(562) 570-7387

Early Intervention Program/
HIV Testing/STD Clinic
(562) 570-4315

Environmental Health
(562) 570-4132

Immunizations/Walk-In Clinic
(562) 570-4222

Prenatal Clinic
(562) 570-4217

Senior Center
(562) 570-3531

Tobacco Education Program
(562) 570-8508

WIC Program
(562) 570-4242

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To be added or removed from the mailing list, please contact Meredith Delaney at (562) 570-4298 or email medelan@ci.long-beach.ca.us.

This information is available in an alternative format.

Data contained in this publication are considered provisional due to reporting delays.

AIDS Surveillance Program Data

City of Long Beach Data as of February 28, 1999

3,479 Total Long Beach City AIDS Cases	(2,130 deceased - 61% Mortality Rate)
3,470 Adult Cases	(2,125 deceased - 61% Mortality Rate)
9 Pediatric Cases	(5 deceased - 56% Mortality Rate)

AIDS Cases by Gender

	#	%
Male	3,293	95
Female	186	5

AIDS Cases by Race/Ethnicity

	#	%
White, Not Hispanic	2,249	65
Black, Not Hispanic	575	17
Hispanic	586	17
Asian/Pacific Islander	54	2
American Indian/Alaskan	8	<1
Unknown	7	<1

AIDS Cases by Exposure Category

	#	%
Male-to-Male Contact	2,672	77
Intravenous Drug Use	297	9
Male-to Male Contact and Intravenous Drug Use	280	8
Heterosexual Contact	120	3
Recipient of Blood/Blood Products Transfusion	25	<1
Hemophilia/Coagulation Disorder	12	<1
Mother at Risk (Perinatal Exposure)	8	<1
Risk Not Reported/Other	65	2

HIV/AIDS Information

California AIDS Multilingual Hotline
800-922-AIDS

CDC National HIV/AIDS Hotline
800-243-7889

The City of Long Beach AIDS Surveillance Program also publishes an HIV/AIDS Monitoring Report that contains additional data about AIDS in Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 570-4298.












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








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






The California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2500, requires the report of communicable diseases and conditions. To report a case of a communicable disease, contact the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology Program at 562-570-4302 or by fax at 562-570-4374.









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
AIDS
Amebiasis  FAX
Anisakiasis  FAX
Anthrax 
Babesiosis  FAX
Botulism 
Brucellosis
Campylobacteriosis  FAX
Chancroid
Chlamydial Infections
Cholera 
Ciguatera Fish Poisoning 
Coccidioidomycosis
Colorado Tick Fever  FAX
Conjunctivitis, Acute Infectious of the Newborn  FAX
Cryptosporidiosis  FAX

Cysticercosis
Dengue 
Diarrhea of the Newborn 
(Outbreaks)
Diphtheria 
Domoic Acid Poisoning 
Echinococcosis
Ehrlichiosis
Encephalitis  FAX
Escherichia coli O157:H7 
Foodborne Disease  FAX †
Giardiasis
Gonococcal Infections
Haemophilus Influenzae  FAX
Hantavirus Infections 
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome 
Hepatitis, Viral  FAX
Kawasaki Syndrome
Legionellosis


Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Listeriosis  FAX
Lyme Disease
Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis  FAX
Malaria  FAX
Measles  FAX
Meningitis  FAX
Meningococcal Infections 
Mumps
Non-Gonococcal Urethritis
Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning 
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)  FAX
Plague, Human or Animal 
Poliomyelitis, Paralytic  FAX
Psittacosis  FAX
Q Fever  FAX

Rabies, Human or Animal 
Relapsing Fever  FAX
Reye Syndrome
Rheumatic Fever, Acute
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Rubella
Rubella Syndrome, Congenital
Salmonellosis  FAX
Scombroid Fish Poisoning 
Shigellosis  FAX
Streptococcal Infections  FAX
(Outbreaks of Any Type and Individual Cases in Food Handlers and Dairy Workers Only)
Swimmer's Itch  FAX
Syphilis  FAX
Tetanus
Toxic Shock Syndrome
Toxoplasmosis
Trichinosis  FAX

Tuberculosis  FAX
Tularemia
Typhoid Fever  FAX (Cases and Carriers)
Typhus Fever
Vibrio Infections  FAX
Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers 
~~Water-associated Disease~~  FAX
Yellow Fever 
Yersiniosis  FAX
OCCURRENCE of ANY UNUSUAL DISEASE
OUTBREAKS of ANY DISEASE 
Reportable Noncommunicable Diseases/Conditions
Alzheimer's Disease
Cancer
Disorders Characterized by Lapses of Consciousness

 FAX = Report by FAX, telephone, or mail within one (1) working day of identification.

† = Report immediately by telephone when two (2) or more cases or suspected cases of foodborne disease from separate households are suspected to have the same source of illness.

 = Report immediately by telephone.
All other diseases/conditions should be reported by FAX, telephone, or mail within seven (7) calendar days of identification.